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From: Slugantz, Lynn
Sent: Thur 11/6/2014 4:41:04 PM
Subject: Draft Response to Post Cards

Karl – for your review, here is a draft response template for responding to the post cards (example at the bottom of this email) and Halloween cards that were sent to Gina and controlled to us for response. The response will be in the form of a letter signed by you to the community member. SPFD, OPA, and have reviewed and concurred with this draft.

DRAFT RESPONSE:

Dear XXX:

Administrator Gina McCarthy has asked me to reply to your recent correspondence regarding the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. Region 7 is this agency's lead office for protecting the community's health and environment at this site, a responsibility that we take very seriously. My Region 7 team and I care about your safety and the well-being of you and your neighbors who live and work in the community around the West Lake Landfill Site. As public servants and environmental professionals, we are committed to protecting the public from the radioactive contaminants at the Site.

In your correspondence you express your desire to have the site transferred to the FUSRAP program which is currently being administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The FUSRAP designation is made either by the U.S. Department of Energy, based on criteria set forth in DOE policy, or by Congress. The EPA plays no role in selecting sites for FUSRAP. But regardless of whether the EPA manages a site or the site enters the FUSRAP program where the USACE has lead responsibility, the cleanup of the site is required by law in either instance be performed in accordance with the Superfund process. In other words, the USACE would follow the same legal and technical steps of the Superfund law as the EPA follows.

Nonetheless, EPA recognizes the expertise the USACE has with extensive construction projects and familiarity with the St. Louis FUSRAP sites. EPA has formalized an

agreement with the USACE for their support on the isolation barrier project and to provide an independent review of additional work the responsible parties are performing for the purpose of identification and selection of the final remedy at the site.

Lastly, EPA does not believe that the data collected thus far substantiates a conclusion that the SSE is moving toward the RIM. EPA is continuing to collaborate with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Attorney General's Office on the collection of additional information about and the monitoring of the SSE. The scientific data available to this agency indicate that people living near and working around the Site are not currently being exposed to contaminants released from the Site that are above levels of concern. Of course, Region 7 wants to make sure the Site remains that way in the future and so we are working diligently to select a final remedy that ensures the Site's conditions remain protective of your health. For additional information about the Site, please visit Region 7's West Lake Landfill webpage http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/index.htm

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks

Cc: Just Moms STL

Language from Post Card:

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I am alarmed that EPA Region 7 is unable to meet the challenges present at the smoldering and radioactive West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in St. Louis, MO. As a concerned citizen about the radioactivity in my neighborhood, I call on you to support St. Louis

Army Corps of Engineers FUSRAP assuming lead jurisdiction at the West Lake Landfill

site in

St. Louis County. Your leadership and participation is essential for the community to feel some

health and property security and resolution to the decades old "dumped" radioactive nuclear

weapons waste.

t. I call on you to take bold and significant action over EPA Region 7 as we are now seeing more problems unfold as a

result of West Lake Landfill not being a St. Louis *Army* Corps of Engineers FUSRAP site

2 Putting the St. Louis Corps of Engineers FUSRAP in charge of West Lake means all the radioactive wastes and

vicinity properties in St Louis City and St Louis County will be under the jurisdiction of one government entity making

the apparent communication failures between EPA Region 7 and the local state / county agencies less of a problem

3. The State of Missouri indicates movement of the smoldering fire is happening while PRP. Republic Services continues

to downplay the real possibility of the smoldering fire surfacing or moving closer to the radioactive wastes I want Republic

Services immediately removed from oversight of the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill.

Please contact Just Moms STL, westlakemoms@gmail.com with a response to our concerns.

Sincerely, Concerned Missourian

Signature:

Thank you,

Lynn M. Slugantz

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